



## PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Office of the Insurance Commissioner

**Subject of possible rule making:** Defining things of value that a title company is permitted to give to any person in a position to refer or influence the referral of title insurance business.

Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2012-08

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 48.20.060, RCW 48.29.005, and RCW 48.29.210

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** RCW 48.29.210(2) prohibits title companies, their employees, and representatives from giving anything of value to any person in a position to refer or influence the referral of title insurance business to the title company, except as permitted by rules adopted by the Commissioner. The Commissioner will consider amendments to chapter 284-29 WAC defining "give" and other amendments related to the change in the definition of "give".

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**  
None

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making  
☐ Pilot rule making  
☐ Agency study

X Other (describe) Submit written comments by May 10, 2012 to:

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**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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